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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Rain.
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casional rain.
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ton, Idaho—Light rain or snow.

THAT PERMANENT EXHIBIT.

It is one thing to have a permanent exhibit of the products and utilities of Clatsop county, and quite another, to have it where it can be seen to distinct advantage.

The fact that the County Court has expressed a willingness to admit the proposed exhibit to the ground floor of the new court house after that floor shall have been cemented, is warranty for the compilation of the best and largest display possible within, and of, this county. It is convenient, easy of access, warm, dry, well-lighted, and scrupulously clean, and will afford ample room for the proper segregation of the multitude of things, so that definite values shall not be lost in confusion and congestion.

It is particularly essential that every man in the county who has raised, or wrought, anything worth looking at, or who shall do so in time to come, should put it where it will be accounted a creditable fact in the history or capacity of the county. Every single thing of beauty, utility, or general application, whether it come from the farm, garden, dairy, stock, dock, cannery, or shop, should be lined up there and allowed to bear its testimony to the progressiveness of Clatsop and Astoria; and there is no doubt the showing can, and will, be made comprehensive and entertaining, especially to the tourist and seeker after convincing facts as to this territory.

IN CONGRESS, AND OUT.

With the Indian appropriation bill, presumably, before Congress, and due to be treated with proper consideration when the time comes, the members of the House have, so far this week, discussed nothing in particular except the President. All the orators of that branch have had their word, and that word has been candidly commendatory in nearly every instance. The real man appeals to men overwhelmingly, despite the element of political or personal enmity that may exist; and no square man is going to withhold that which is due to a magnanimous opponent, especially in public debate.

Theodore Roosevelt has proven his strength by making enemies in the strongholds of the strong. No weakling could do this, and all men admire his honest aggressiveness even though they have to stand up against it or bow to its measured justice; as for those who side with him in the furious fight for the readjustment of the politico-commercial conditions of the country, their name is legion and their loyalty outspoken and true at all times. It is a healthy sign when Congress stops to talk of the President; it demonstrates as nothing else can, how deeply his personality and policies have sunk into the popular conscience, to his own honor and that of the country.

NOT UNTIL NOVEMBER.

From the report submitted by the committee on judiciary of the Chamber of Commerce to the joint committee in charge of the Port of Astoria bill, it would seem the matter was not broached early enough to secure its submission to the people, on the initiative, at the June election, and that it must go over to the November polls; at least, this is quite

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probable, from the time that will be involved in determining some of the primary problems that have arisen.

This is to be regretted in some ways; particularly on the score of the launching of our project simultaneously with that of the Port of Portland in order to put this port upon equal and adequate fundament with that proposition and thus avoid any locking of horns over subsequent invasion of the rights or territory claimed under the metropolitan enactment. But it may be better to go before the people (and the courts, if necessary), with a perfect instrument and an impregnable claim, than with one that is susceptible of defeat and disaster. Therefore, we will wait in patience until November if we have to, and then make the best of the enterprise, as it shall eventuate at that time.

NATIONAL FRUGALITY.

Secretary Metcalf, of the Navy Department, wants \$73,000,000 to spend on cruisers, scout-ships, sub-marines and other necessitous things for the American navy, but Congress is disposed to cut this down to a beggarly \$40,000,000, in harmony with the economic spasm the country is throwing just at this time.

We do not believe in vicious extravagance; but we do believe Mr. Metcalf should get all he calls for. We are making a universal demonstration of our naval strength at this moment and the eye of the world is upon us; but we certainly cannot expect to reap all the fruits of victory, in case of war, from the 16 beautiful and powerful ships now afloat on the Pacific; we must have something more than this "clot of cream" where-with to meet the exigencies of war; and the sum the Secretary asks for is neither excessive nor untimely.

We usually make good when we do get into trouble abroad, even if we are caught unprepared; but the day may come when unpreparedness will cost us a sum compared to which Metcalf's \$73,000,000 will look like "thirty cents."

EDITORIAL SALAD

America has another countess. Will it, in a brief time, have one more divorce unpleasantness?

One of the hero medals should go to Max Nordau, who has the audacious bravery to take issue with Bernard Shaw.

A candidate for the presidency who stands squarely on his own merits has the least trouble and the best prospects.

Col. Goethals will not make an estimate of the final cost of the Panama Canal. It is much to know that the enterprise is moving along more favorably than was expected.

Mr. Edison is spending \$40,000 on the preliminaries of his \$1000 cement house. And yet there are people who think the Panama Canal should keep within the original estimate.

Between October 1, 1906, and June 30, 1907, the United States paid \$3,376,735 for the expenses of the provisional government in Cuba, and the Cubans expended on the same account \$387,716. Uncle Sam cheerfully faces all his responsibilities and pays the freight.

Superintendent of public schools in Washington has been removed for inefficiency, lack of judgment, tact and mental poise, insubordination, libeling the school system, destroying discipline, ridiculing the district commissioners, antagonizing the School Board and needlessly discarding 5400 text-books. Any naval officer who happens to be in hot water will notice that there are others.

CASTORIA

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The wonderful ruins at Mitia, Mexico, can now be reached by a railroad recently opened from Oaxaca. When the Pan-American Railroad is built some of the most remarkable architectural relics in the world will be within convenient range of tourists, with an extensive choice of delightful winter climates.

The great mass of the Republicans of the United States look upon office holding as incidental, and not as the purpose for which the party is carried on. Republicanism and spoils are not on the same level.

Mark Twain's brother-in-law refers to Mr. Clemens as "a dear old fellow." When a man undertakes to write an unusually candid autobiography he is apt to find that other members of the family keep a bottle of ink.

It was intimated by a cabinet minister at Rio that if the United States ever wanted Brazil's three battle ships of the Dreadnought pattern now in course of construction, their purchase by this country would be an easy matter. International good will of this kind is the real thing.

Jack London claims that the Socialists now have a working force of 7,000,000 men, that they address each other as "Dear Comrade," and end their letters with "Yours for the Revolution." Mr. London and his coadjutors have succeeded in working up a big business on a very slim capital.

In his latest speech in South Carolina Senator Tillman urged the repeal of the fifteenth amendment to the

national constitution. Vardaman of Mississippi tried this idea as a live issue, and the voters of the state concluded that the shelf was the place for him.

Many Sleepless Nights, Owing to a Persistent Cough. Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin.

"Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

THE AUTO GOLFER.

An auto devotee was Beggs; He'd broken all his arms and legs And drunk of scorching to the dregs. He rode both day and night, And in and out of his machine He smelled so strong of gasoline None dared a match to light.

The game of golf he thought a bore. Said he, "Why do the duffers roar The idiotic warning 'Fore'?" To those who go ahead? I'll try the game this very morn, And with a proper auto horn I'll 'honk' to them instead."

His driving from the foremost tee, Quite wonderful, indeed, to see, Evoked remarks of "Hully gee!" 'Twas straight as well as far, For toward the hole, with stops for strokes, Including fizzes, jabs and pokes, He drove his motor car.

Though bunkered near the putting green, He drove ahead with his machine And landed in a deep ravine. Then golfers came to coach, "Tis not the place to drive," they said, "The wonder is you are not dead. You fooled your approach!"

Then Beggs, with gargoyles-like grimace, His collar bone slipped back in place And deftly rearranged his face. Said he, "I like this game, And though 'tis new to my machine"— He glanced around the deep ravine—"We holed out just the same!" —Earle Hooper Eaton in Harper's Weekly

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